

Amendments to the Abstract:

The Abstract for the application appears on the front page of the PCT application. Applicant has rewritten the Abstract on to a separate page as is required for US practice. Further, Applicant has made amendments to the Abstract. A marked-up version of the Abstract is provided below, and a clean version is provided on page 12 of this Amendment.

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method is described of calculating and verifying the integrity of data in a data communication system. The system ~~typically~~ comprises a base station and one or more remote stations, such as in an RFID system. The method includes transmitting a select instruction from the base station to the said one or more remote stations, the select instruction containing a data field which matches a portion of an identity or other data field in one or more of the remote stations; transmitting from a selected remote station or stations a truncated reply containing identity data or other data of the remote station but omitting the portion transmitted by the base station; calculating in the base station a check sum or CRC from the data field originally sent and the truncated reply data received and comparing the calculated check sum or CRC with the check sum or CRC sent by the remote station. ~~A system and transponder is also described.~~